

# AARCS 2018 Board of Directors



## President Lisa Makinson



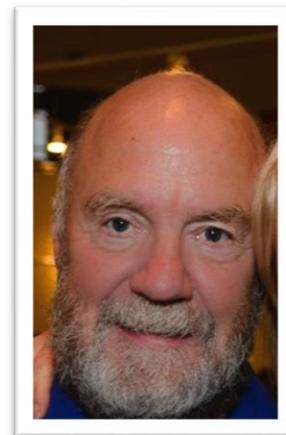
Lisa is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years' progressive experience. In 2008, Lisa joined Suncor Energy Inc.'s Finance organization and in 2011 was promoted to the role of Finance Director for the in Situ business unit. In early 2014, Lisa moved to the Finance Director role in Major Projects and is responsible for overseeing the finances on the Fort Hills mining and extraction project currently being constructed north of Fort McMurray.

Lisa was born in St. Catharines, Ontario and attended Brock University where she obtained her Bachelor of Accounting Honours Co-op degree. In 2000, Lisa obtained her Certified Public Accountant designation from the state of Illinois. Lisa is the proud owner of two beautiful rescue kitties, Leo and Bailey. She's loves playing golf and riding motorcycles with her husband and despite being from Ontario, actually really likes Calgary's weather.

## Vice President B. (Church) Churchman

B. Churchman, known as "Church", is retired with the City of Calgary where he spent many years in the Development and Inspections Area as a Senior Planning Tech in Antenna Services.

Church also serves on the board for the Calgary Safety Council. Church started as a foster parent for AARCS and fostered AARCS' first pregnant dog nine years ago. Since that time he has been actively involved in many aspects of the organization. He volunteers as a rescuer on the weekends and has held a seat on the Board of Directors for eight years. In his mind there is always room for another dog.



## Treasurer Alison Steeves



Alison obtained her Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and she then joined Ernst & Young LLP in Calgary and received her Chartered Accountant designation. Alison has been employed with Suncor Energy since 2011, and has held various finance roles, most recently supporting Suncor's Major Projects organization.

Alison is looking forward to combining her professional skills with her love of animals, in supporting the valuable work that AARCS does. She shares her home with her husband and their AARCS rescue dog, Lucy.

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**Secretary**  
**Randy Vanee**

After college Randy began his career with The City of Calgary and subsequently worked in many technical and leadership positions for their Information Technology department. Randy obtained his PMP (Project Management Professional) designation in 2000 and has since managed various IT projects across The City of Calgary such as the city's 311 program, IT asset management and other large initiatives. Randy continues his career at The City of Calgary working as a Program Manager in the IT Service Management area.

Randy has a daughter 15 and son 18 who both love animals and assist with the foster dogs they take in. Outside of his professional career and AARCS, Randy keeps busy with his children's various activities, enjoys travelling and numerous outdoor adventures including camping, golfing, hiking, and motorbikes. Randy joined AARCS with his daughter in 2009 as a volunteer and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011. He looks forward to continuing his volunteer work with AARCS and is happy to see the organization continuing to grow and improve.



**Brianna Bridgman**  
**Board Member**

Brianna Bridgman is a marketing and communications professional. She currently works at TELUS, leading a national team of proposal managers, project managers, and marketing specialists. She has also worked in business process improvement and change management, project management, and internal communications roles.

Brianna has a Master's degree in Communications and is a Project Management Professional (PMP). She has sat on two Boards in the past for community sports leagues and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and expertise with AARCS.

**Ingrid Roxas**  
**Board Member**



Ingrid has a Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Business Administration. She oversees a team of business strategists at The City of Calgary's Office of Land Servicing & Housing (OLSH) where she is responsible for the development and implementation of OLSH's business strategies, process improvements and performance measurements, corporate reporting, change management and leads OLSH's project management office.

Ingrid has had a passion for animals her whole life and happily shares a full house with her husband and their pack of seven dogs. She is also an active volunteer and adoption specialist at the Cochrane and Area Humane Society (CAHS) Ingrid joined AARCS as a Board Advisor in 2015 to continue to actively broaden her horizons where she can apply her experience and knowledge from working with CAHS, as well as apply her professional experience in assisting AARCS increase awareness on animal welfare.

**"Leadership is the capacity to  
Translate vision into reality."**

- Warren G Bennis

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**Chris Eirich**  
Board Member

Born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, Chris moved to Calgary in 2005 after completing degrees in Economics and Finance. With more

than a decade of experience in risk management and commodity trading, he was drawn to AARCS as an opportunity to bridge his love of animals with his passion for finance.

Chris spends his days as the managing director of a privately held hedge fund and enjoys outdoor pursuits, wine tasting, and the company of good friends. Most of all, he loves spending time with his two Italian Greyhounds (Willow and Kalea) whose goofy antics provide for much needed stress relief after a day of trading volatile markets.

He looks forward to increasing his volunteer efforts with AARCS and is committed to the formation of sound investment policy to assist the organization in its growth efforts.



**Alex Welsh**  
Board Advisor

Alex recently became a team member at ATB Financial as a Strategist for the Entrepreneur Centre. She has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and Major in Strategic Management. After graduating from University, Alex joined a young company where she worked as a Strategist helping with the development and execution of community investment strategies. It was this experience, brokering partnerships between not-for-profit organizations and for-profit companies that inspired her to pursue a greater personal impact by joining the AARCS Board of Advisors.

Alex has always had a love of animals and spent most of her childhood in a barn, taking care of horses. She had two family dogs growing up and is currently a foster mom to a service puppy in training. Her deep-rooted care for animals and desire to give back made joining the team at AARCS a no-brainer. Alex is excited to leverage her past experiences and knowledge to help further the AARCS strategy of creating awareness for animal welfare.



**Vanessa Salopek**  
Board Member

Vanessa Salopek is the owner of Calgary's award-winning restaurant, MARKET. Vanessa was born in Calgary but spent many of her summers on her grandparent's cattle farm where she developed a strong passion for animal welfare and sustainable living. This passion is rooted in her restaurant, as Vanessa only partners with farmers and suppliers that practice ethical farming and stewardship. Vanessa was named Canada's Top 10 Young Entrepreneurs in 2015 by BDC Canada and was named Calgary's Top 10 Game Changers in 2016 by Branded Magazine. Vanessa got her B.Comm in Marketing from the Haskayne School of Business and is currently an Associate Member for the CPHR (Chartered Professionals in Human Resources).

Vanessa is an avid dog lover and loves spending time with her German Shepherd x Husky x Wolf Hybrid, Indiana. She enjoys spending her free time walking her dog in Fish Creek Park, going up to Banff for skiing and hikes, and loves golfing. Vanessa is excited to join the Board and apply her professional experience in assisting AARCS achieve their mission and vision for animal awareness and welfare.

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**Erin Salomons**  
**Board Advisor**

Erin Salomons is Blackfoot from the Piikani First Nation (Blackfoot Confederacy) living in Calgary. She currently works for the Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary as part of the Indigenous Prison Community Outreach team. Erin will be returning to Mount Royal University in the fall completing her BA. She plans to attend law school at the Universities of Saskatchewan and Calgary with the goal of being a grassroots lawyer for Treaty 7 Nations.

Erin has deep concern for Indigenous People and has been directly affected by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry and the 60's Scoop. She is actively involved in initiatives and committees surrounding the promotion and wellbeing of Indigenous people.

Erin became involved in AARCS as a caregiver to the shelter animals following the death of her best friend. Her passion for animals and being close to dogs helped her along in her healing journey. She brings a wealth of expertise to the board, provides insight on Indigenous matters and assists the organization in working with First Nations to build strong and respectful relationships.

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**Changing Lives Through Kindness.**

